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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 1,000 IN NOVEMBER TO 409,600

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 1,000 in November, reaching a record high level of 409,600. The monthly increase was primarily the result of gains in the Manufacturing sector, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 409,600 in November. This represents an increase of 1,000 jobs over the October level of 408,600 and is 7.900 above the November 1983 figure of 401,700.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment increased by 1,000 in the October-November period, largely due to the resumption of operations at a plant which was temporarily closed in October. The current Manufacturing figure of 121,900 is 2,700 greater than the November 1983 level of 119,200. In the Durable Goods category, the November employment figure of 83,200 was up 1,300 from the October level, and was 2,200 above the total recorded one year ago in November. The Nondurable Goods employment level of 38,700 was 300 below the October total, but was up 500 compared to November 1983.

Within the Durable Goods sector, the largest monthly increase was posted in Electrical Machinery (+1,200) due to the reopening of a temporarily closed plant. Jewelry-Silverware and Miscellaneous Manufacturing each added 100, while Primary Metals decreased by 100 jobs. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their October employment levels. On an annual basis, the largest gains were posted in Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment

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SEASONS GREETINGS AND A WORD OF THANKS TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

Mary C. Hackett, Director, and the staff of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security take this opportunity to extend holiday greetings to the Rhode Island employer community and to all readers of the Employment Bulletin.

A special word of thanks is extended to those employers who assist the Department to determine trends in the State's economy by providing essential employment information each month. Such key indicators as employment levels, weekly production hours and worker earnings become the basis for both state and national reports and statistics prepared and published by this Department.

The Department of Employment Security will continue its efforts to publish accurate and timely data every month to assist users of the Employment Bulletin in reaching decisions and planning for future employment needs. *To all, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1984-P	Oct. 1984-P	Nov. 1983
Total Placements	1,858	1,935	1,639
New Applications	3,664	4,494	3,157
New Openings Rec'd.	2,090	3,042	2,383

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	% Change Oct. 1984
Initial Claims	9,935	8,925	+ 11.3
No. of Payments	39,542	35,566	+ 11.2
Amt. of Payments	$4,518,183	$4 021,877	+ 12.3
Exhaustions	764	802	- 4.7

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984
Initial Claims	1,085	1,204
No. of Payments	6,590	7,262
Amount of Payments	$ 682,638	$ 746,443

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	504.7	500.6	476.3
Unemployment	22.4	22.1	29.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.4	4.4	6.2
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.2	5.2	7.1

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1984	Oct. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	484.8	481.7	467.1
Unemployment	21.7	23.2	30.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	4.8	6.5

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1984	Oct. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	41,625	42,105	37,090
Unemployment	1,295	1,220	1,690
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.1	2.9	4.6

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1984	Oct. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	15,785	16,520	15,255
Unemployment	765	655	920
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	4.0	6.0

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
NOVEMBER 19 - 23, 1984

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	10,150	100.0
Men	4,816	47.4
Under 45	3,364	69.9
45 and over	1,452	30.1
Women	5,334	52.6
Under 45	3,497	65.6
45 and over	1,837	34.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	904	8.9
Manufacturing	5,201	51.2
Public Utilities	503	5.0
Wholesale and Retail	1,348	13.3
Finance-Insurance & Real Estate	386	3.8
Service	1,289	12.7
All Other	519	5.1
Occupational Skills		
Prof. Tech. and Managerial	1,260	12.4
Clerical and Sales	1,986	19.6
Service	948	9.3
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	222	2.2
Processing	460	4.5
Machine Trades	1,408	13.9
Bench Work	1,645	16.2
Structural Work	1,037	10.2
Miscellaneous	1,126	11.1
INA	58	0.6

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	409.6	408.6	401.7	+1,000	+7,900
MANUFACTURING	121.9	120.9	119.2	+1,000	+2,700
NONMANUFACTURING	287.7	287.7	282.5	-	+5,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.2	13.5	12.3	- 300	+ 900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.6	13.6	13.4	-	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	85.4	85.1	84.4	+ 300	+1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.8	21.8	21.3	-	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	96.1	96.2	93.7	- 100	+2,400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.6	57.5	57.4	+ 100	+ 200

1983 Figures REVISED. 1984 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1983
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.9	120.9	119.2	+1000	+2700	$287.28	$278.48	39.9	39.5	$ 7.20	$ 7.05
DURABLE GOODS	83.2	81.9	81.0	+1300	+2200	297.52	283.38	40.7	39.8	7.31	7.12
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	270.51	276.83	35.5	39.1	7.62	7.08
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0	365.40	382.93	40.6	42.5	9.00	9.01
PRIMARY METALS	5.8*	5.9*	6.0	- 100	- 200	304.51	360.26	36.6	43.3	8.32	8.32
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.3	9.2	0	+ 100	260.65	244.35	40.1	36.8	6.50	6.64
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.8*	6.8*	6.5*	0	+ 300	423.66	359.16	46.1	40.4	9.19	8.89
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	10.7	11.2	+1200	+ 700	247.93	262.09	38.8	38.6	6.39	6.79
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.7	9.7	9.0	0	+ 700	435.56	412.44	43.6	42.0	9.99	9.82
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 100	308.73	315.59	43.3	44.2	7.13	7.14
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	24.3	24.2	24.3	+ 100	0	218.18	209.44	39.1	38.5	5.58	5.44
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.7	5.6	5.3	+ 100	+ 400	287.87	238.13	41.6	38.1	6.92	6.25
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.7	39.0	38.2	- 300	+ 500	277.81	272.44	38.8	39.2	7.16	6.95
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.6	3.5	3.4	+ 100	+ 200	209.90	216.94	32.9	34.6	6.38	6.27
TEXTILES	10.9	11.0	11.1	- 100	- 200	273.06	258.49	41.0	40.9	6.66	6.32
APPAREL	3.2	3.3	3.4	- 100	- 200	236.81	223.49	39.8	38.8	5.95	5.76
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0	228.00	243.32	37.5	39.5	6.08	6.16
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 200	409.04	389.91	38.3	37.6	10.68	10.37
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 100	+ 100	384.50	359.29	41.3	38.8	9.31	9.26
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 200	279.85	260.63	38.6	37.5	7.25	6.95
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.2	5.0	- 100	+ 100	256.93	271.83	35.1	39.0	7.32	6.97
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 100	208.74	212.38	42.6	41.0	4.90	5.18

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(+700 each). Miscellaneous Manufacturing was up 400 and Nonelectrical Machinery increased 300 from its year ago level. Annual employment gains were also recorded in Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals, and Instruments (+100 each). The only decrease over the year was posted by Primary Metals (-200). Stone-Clay-Glass and Jewelry-Silverware remained unchanged from their November 1983 employment totals.

In the Nondurable Goods producing sector, the only monthly job increase (+100) occurred in Food-Beverage. Employment decreases of 100 each were reported in Textiles, Apparel, Chemical Products and Plastics Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods Industries were unchanged from their October employment levels. Compared to November 1983, the largest gains in Nondurable Goods were posted in Food-Beverage, Printing-Publishing and Rubber Products (+200 each). Annual employment increases were also recorded in Chemical Products, Plastics Products and Leather Products (+100 each). Textiles and Apparel each decreased 200 jobs over the year. Paper Products remained unchanged from its November 1983 employment level.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing industries remained unchanged from October to November. However, the November total of 287,700 is 5,200 jobs greater than the year ago employment level of 282,500.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly gain (+300) was recorded in Wholesale and Retail Trade, primarily due to pre-holiday hiring; the Wholesale and Retail Trade employment total of 85,400 was also 1,000 higher than reported a year ago in November. Government, at 57,600, registered a slight monthly gain of 100 and an annual increase of 200 jobs. Both Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,600, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 21,800, remained unchanged from October to November. However, compared to a year ago, the former was up 200 and the latter gained 500 jobs. Seasonal decreases reduced Contract Construction employment by 300 from October, but the current total of 13,200 is 900 jobs greater than the year ago level. Similarly, Service employment at 96,100, decreased 100 for the month but was up 2,400 compared to last November.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 4 cents to $7.20 in November; this represents a gain of 15 cents per hour compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 0.2 of an hour in November to 39.9 hours, which was 0.4 of an hour greater than the November 1983 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in November amounted to $287.28, representing an increase of $3.03 from last month, and $8.80 from November of last year.

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